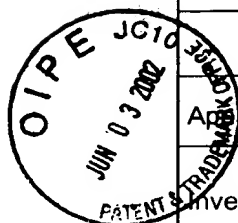


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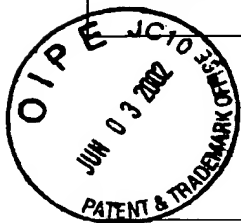
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 15-28, as follows.

15. (New) Apparatus comprising:

a memory device; and

a device for recording data to, or reproducing data from, the memory device, wherein the device stores an enabling key block distribution authenticating key, wherein the enabling key block distribution authenticating key is previously enciphered by an enabling key block comprising enciphering data for enciphering renewal keys on paths of a hierarchical key tree structure comprising a variety of keys disposed in correspondence with roots, nodes, and leaves of the key tree

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